taken prisoners, besides many negroes, with some pearls and other pillage Next day Mr York, captain of the *Hope^* died, and then Mr Thomas Drake, the General's brother, was made captain On the loth the Spaniards concluded for the ransom of the town for 24,000 ducats, and one prisoner promised to pay for his ransom 4,000 ducats, and four days afterward they brought in the town's ransom in pearls, but rated so dear that the General mishkmg it sent it back again, giving them four hours to clear The 16th December the Governor came mto the town about dinner and after conference with the General told him plainly that he cared not for the town, neither would he ransom it, that the pearl was brought in without his consent, and that his detracting of time so long was only to send the other towns word that they were not of force to withstand our men. that they might convey all their goods, cattle, and wealth into the woods out of danger So the General gave him leave to depart according to promise, having two hours to withdraw himself in safety.

On the next day Sir Thomas Baskerville with the *Ehxabeth and Constance,* the *Phoenix^* the carvel and four or five pinnaces went some five leagues to the westward, and landing, marched four leagues up into the country to a place called Tapia, which he took, and burned certain villages and farm houses about it The 18th. the General caused the Ranchena and the town of Rio de la Hacha to be burnt clean down to the ground, the churches and the house of a lady, who had written to the General, only excepted On the day following they weighed and took the town of Santa Martha, the people all being fled except a few

Spaniards, negroes and Indians which in a bravado gave them forty shot at their landing and so ran away This town was burnt two days later, but that night the *Pboentx,* Captain Austin, Mr Peter Lemond, and the *Garlan£s* pinnace winch stood along the shore were chased by galleys out of Carthagena, and Mr Lemond and Bine men taken , the rest carne back safe

They took Nombre de Dios on the 27th, all the people being fled except some hundred Spaniards which kept the fort and played upon them, but seeing the resolution of our men in running upon them, they all fled and took to die woods The town was big but nothing left of value, though there was a show